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We have discussed subject rupture diplomatic relations with Cuba with several Foreign Office officials as well as with Minister of Interior. General feeling continues to be that the break would be on multi-lateral basis as result of OAS action on same, or Cubans must take some new step which would introduce new element and would thereby justify unilateral break. While we sense some feeling that break by Mexico might impel Chile take similar action, it also obvious GOC would prefer any action by them be result general agreement by OAS, perhaps as result recent Venezuelan charges. In meantime Foreign Office seems feel that maintenance relations with five LAS serves useful purpose keeping some hemispheric links with Castro which might provide channel for Cuba's return to fold if its Soviet connections severed or weakened.

In regard our request that GOC use its strongest influence with Cuba including threat breaking relations in order obtain their agreement to on-site United Nations inspection, Acting Chief Political Department tells us that Foreign Office considering usefulness of joint appeal on somewhat lofty basis by five LAS who still maintain relations, calling on Cuba to accept UN observers as its contribution to world peace. While conceivably failure Cuba heed such appeal might provide basis of rupture relations, request Department's opinion usefulness such move by GOC in conjunction with other LAS.

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